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## Organic Nutrient Management Program

### ISSUE

The status of the Organic Nutrient Management Program.

### AFFECTED AGENCIES

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

### CODE AUTHORITY

Chapter 161C.6, Code of Iowa

### BACKGROUND

The Household Hazardous Waste Account received funding from a \$25 permit for retail sales of products classified as Household Hazardous Waste. The Account also receives civil penalties for violations of certain environmental regulations awarded to the State that exceed \$200,000 annually. In February 1993, the Department of Natural Resources received a civil penalty settlement of \$1.0 million. Of this amount, \$951,000 was deposited in the Household Hazardous Waste Account. This amount is in excess of the \$354,000 budgeted as receipts to the account for FY 1993. During the 1993 Legislative Session, the General Assembly appropriated \$900,000 from the Household Hazardous Waste Account to establish the Organic Nutrient Management Program. The Program provides cost-share money to establish organic nutrient management systems which facilitate the proper utilization of livestock waste as a nutrient source and to protect the water resources of the State from livestock waste runoff.

### CURRENT SITUATION

Section 14, SF 2314 (Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Bill), appropriated \$800,000 to the Organic Nutrient Management Program from the General Fund. Section 34, SF 2314 codified the Organic Nutrient Management Program with the following programmatic changes:

1. The eligibility of a "family farm limited liability company" to receive moneys.

2. The ineligibility of a person involved in a legal or administrative action involving the violation of livestock waste disposal laws.
3. The eligibility of an individual to receive up to \$7,500 per fiscal year per project.

Attachment A is an Organic Nutrient Management Program status report by district through May 31, 1994. Total unobligated funds of \$413,814 have been recalled by the Division of Soil Conservation and will be reallocated with the FY 1995 appropriation. Since August of 1993, 50.0% of the FY 1994 appropriation has been paid or obligated.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

This *Issue Review* is for informational purposes only.

### **BUDGET IMPACT**

Since the original funding for the Program was from a fine, another funding source was necessary to continue the Program in FY 1995. Therefore, a new appropriation from the General Fund of \$800,000 was appropriated, with a reversion of unobligated funds to occur at the end of FY 1998.

Several other states have Animal Waste Management System Programs including North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin. Each state requires a Waste Management Plan and are administered similarly to the Iowa Program. Funding is shown in the following table.

<u>State</u>	<u>Funding Per Year</u>	<u>Year Started</u>	<u>Cost Share</u>
Iowa	\$ 800,000	1993	50.0%
North Carolina	\$ 4,000,000	1984	75.0%
Ohio	\$ 850,000	1979	75.0%
Wisconsin	\$ 900,000	1982	75.0%

Currently, 46.0% of Iowa's FY 1994 appropriation is unobligated. However, the Soil Conservation District Offices have had to deny 124 applications due to lack of funding. The total State's cost-share amount of the applications not approved was \$910,000. Since the appropriations are allocated equally across districts, the issue of unfunded applications will continue in some districts at the current funding level.

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IDALS - Division of Soil Conservation  
 Status Report - Organic Nutrient Management Program  
 as of May 31, 1994

<u>District</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
Adair		\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
Adams	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,640.00
Allamakee		\$8,640.00	
Appanoose			\$8,640.00
Audubon			\$8,640.00
Benton		\$1,591.50	\$7,048.50
Black Hawk			\$8,640.00
Boone			\$8,640.00
Bremer		\$8,640.00	
Buchanan		\$6,000.00	\$2,640.00
Buena Vista	\$1,587.50	\$5,288.04	\$1,764.46
Butler		\$8,640.00	
Calhoun		\$8,640.00	
Carroll		\$3,500.00	\$5,140.00
Cass		\$8,640.00	
Cedar		\$8,564.00	76.00
Cerro Gordo		\$6,000.00	\$2,640.00
Cherokee	\$4,000.00		\$4,640.00
Chickasaw		\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
Clarke			\$8,640.00
Clay		\$5,000.00	\$3,640.00
Clayton		\$8,640.00	
Clinton			\$8,640.00
Crawford		\$8,640.00	
Dallas			\$8,640.00
Davis	\$1,993.38		\$6,646.62
Decatur			\$8,640.00
Delaware			\$8,640.00
Des Moines		\$8,640.00	
Dickinson			\$8,640.00
Dubuque			\$8,640.00
Emmet			\$8,640.00
Fayette	\$5,344.74	\$3,295.26	
Floyd	\$2,794.45	\$5,845.55	
Franklin		\$6,000.00	\$2,640.00
Fremont			\$8,640.00
Greene		\$8,640.00	
Grundy		\$8,640.00	
Guthrie			\$8,640.00
Hamilton	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,140.00
Hancock		\$7,500.00	\$1,140.00
Hardin			\$8,640.00
Harrison	\$1,420.00	\$7,000.00	\$220.00
Henry		\$8,000.00	\$640.00
Howard			\$8,640.00
Humboldt		\$7,500.00	\$1,140.00
Ida			\$8,640.00
Iowa		\$8,000.00	\$640.00
Jackson		\$3,500.00	\$5,140.00
Jasper	\$2,880.00	\$5,760.00	

<u>District</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Obligated</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
Jefferson	\$1,000.00	\$7,640.00	
Johnson		\$8,640.00	
Jones			\$8,640.00
Keokuk		\$5,937.50	\$2,702.50
Kossuth	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00	
Lee	\$7,500.00		\$1,140.00
Linn			\$8,640.00
Louisa		\$8,640.00	
Lucas			\$8,640.00
Lyon	\$3,500.00		\$5,140.00
Madison		\$7,500.00	\$1,140.00
Mahaska			\$8,640.00
Marion		\$3,750.00	\$4,890.00
Marshall			\$8,640.00
Mills			\$8,640.00
Mitchell			\$8,640.00
Monona	\$4,764.69	\$3,875.00	.31
Monroe		\$7,500.00	\$1,140.00
Montgomery		\$8,640.00	
Muscatine		\$5,900.00	\$2,740.00
O'Brien		\$8,640.00	
Osceola	\$6,448.50	\$2,191.50	
Page		\$8,640.00	
Palo Alto		\$4,000.00	\$4,640.00
Plymouth		\$8,640.00	
Pocahontas			\$8,640.00
Polk		\$1,506.00	\$7,134.00
E. Pott.		\$8,640.00	
W. Pott.		\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
Poweshiek			\$8,640.00
Ringgold	\$2,079.99		\$6,560.01
Sac			\$8,640.00
Scott		\$7,000.00	\$1,640.00
Shelby		\$2,800.00	\$5,840.00
Sioux			\$8,640.00
Story		\$7,000.00	\$1,640.00
Tama		\$3,360.00	\$5,280.00
Taylor	\$2,948.63	\$5,691.37	
Union			\$8,640.00
Van Buren	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00	
Wapello			\$8,640.00
Warren		\$7,500.00	\$1,140.00
Washington		\$8,640.00	
Wayne			\$8,640.00
Webster	\$1,250.00	\$7,390.00	
Winnebago			\$8,640.00
Winneshiek		\$6,250.00	\$2,390.00
Woodbury	\$1,278.00		\$7,362.00
Worth			\$8,640.00
Wright		\$5,000.00	\$3,640.00
Totals	\$67,429.88	\$382,755.72	\$413,814.40*

Number of applications unable to approve = 124  
Amount unable to approve = \$910,177.00

\* Funds recalled May 31, 1994 by DSC and will be reallocated with FY95 Funds.